

APPEAL IN BEHALF OF QUAKE VICTIMS.

President Asks That Congress Sanction Sending of Vessels for Relief.

THEN APPROXIMATE \$500,000

Message is quickly concurred in by Congress and a bill is introduced to the Senate. Second Message in One Day.

United Press Telegram. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—President Roosevelt sent the following message to Congress today:

"The appalling calamity which has befallen the people of Italy, has been followed by distress and suffering throughout a wide region among many thousands who are perishing from lack of food and shelter and means of living is destroyed."

"The immense debt of civilization to Italy and the abundance with which God has blessed us in our safety should prompt us to immediate and effective relief. Consider of your approval I have ordered the Government supply ships Cuttle and Cuttle, to the disaster zone, where upon receiving authority which I now ask from you, they will be able to dispense food and clothing and other supplies to the value of about \$500,000."

"Eight vessels of the returning fleet are already under orders for Italian waters, and that Government has been asked if their services can be made useful."

"I recommended that Congress approve the application of the supplies above mentioned and further appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to be expended in that work at the discretion of and consent of the Italian Government."

"I would suggest a bill to follow the form passed after the recent Italian disaster of 1908."

SOMERSET RAISES \$312 AT MEETING.

Liberal Contributions Given By 25 Men For The Relief of Italian Quake Sufferers.

SOMERSET, Jan. 4.—Somerset is not in the rear when it comes to providing relief for the sufferers in Italy. A mass meeting was called yesterday afternoon attended by 25 representative citizens. Although the number in attendance was small, committees were organized to solicit subscriptions.

At the meeting the subscription was opened and from the 25 present \$312 was procured. It is believed that a number of the towns will meet a much larger fund.

RINEHART TRIAL.

Began this Morning in Pittsburgh After Many Months Delay.

United Press Telegram. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 4.—After a delay of over 26 months J. E. Rinehart, Cashier of the Farmers and Drivers National Bank of Waynesburg, Pa., was called for trial in the United States Court today.

In this case President Roosevelt took a hand, and ordered Rinehart tried at the earliest moment after a committee of Waynesburg citizens called at the White House, and directed his attention to the delay.

There are 150 indictments against Rinehart, and he has been quoted as saying he would bet \$10,000 he would never be convicted on any of them. Several days will probably be consumed in the selection of a jury.

Found No Coal.

After digging to a depth of 16 feet Contractor D. T. Rinehart could find no trace of coal beneath the Second Ward School building.

Speaker McClain Although Facing Defeat Will Go Down Fighting.

United Press Telegram. HARRISBURG, Jan. 4.—Speaker Joseph D. McClain is hopelessly beaten in his fight for the presidency of the House. The majority for John F. Cox is apparently so overwhelming today that a number of McClain's most ardent supporters counseled his withdrawal from the race. McClain, however, declares he will go down fighting.

Lost Engagement Ring and Lover; Now Threatened With Prosecution.

SMITHFIELD, Jan. 4.—A young lady giving her age as 18, of prepossessing appearance, claiming her place of residence as East Georgia township, appeared before Justice Harry O'Neill here Saturday seeking legal advice on a matter growing out of a matrimonial entanglement in which she claimed to be involved. Her story was that a young man from Fairbairn to whom she had been engaged, had given her an engagement ring, which he had borrowed from his sister. It being stipulated in the loan that when they were married the ring was to be returned to her by her brother, but that happily anticipated event was never realized by reason of the young man being faithless to his vows made to his first love and marrying another.

QUICK WORK SAVES FLYER.

Mail Clerk at Washington, Pa., Discovers Attempt to Wreck Train. WASHINGTON, Pa., Jan. 4.—What is believed to have been an attempt to wreck the fast Parkersburg express on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, was discovered near the Clayville station. As Oscar Lutze was about to hang a mail sack on the crane, he found a man standing upright between the rails. The train was due in two minutes, but Lutze, by hard work, managed to dislodge the man in time. It was five feet long and marks at one end showed that it had been pounded into the ground.

NEW OFFICERS NOW IN POWER.

There is a General Transfer of Positions at Uniontown Today.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 4.—With the exception of the Sheriff's office, a new set of faces is seen in the court house as the officers elected in November went into power this morning. The Sheriff, William McClelland, and his staff, relieved ex-Prothonotary Peter E. Sheppard, who for six years, held that position in a most acceptable manner. In the Register and Recorder's office Charles O. Schreyer of Davis, took charge, Logan Bush, railing, Albert H. Hutchinson took up his duties as County Treasurer.

The County Auditors and County Commissioners also went into office. The Board of Supervisors are that a merry fight is on with the new County Commissioners. Former boards have organized immediately upon assuming office but after being in secret session all morning it was announced at noon that no agreement had been reached.

The Board adjourned until 1 o'clock when they will again wrestle with the question of organization. The new County Commissioners are: John S. Langley and W. B. Blaney, Republicans, and Edna H. McClelland, Democrat.

At 3 o'clock 25 ballots had been taken by the new County Commissioners but no agreement had been reached. Until this board organizes no chief clerk will be selected. There are 25 applicants for the position.

The Poor House Directors organized this morning with Elijah Grosland, President, and J. J. Barnhart, Secretary. Thomas Love of Everett is the other member of the Board. After organization Hugh Lytle was elected clerk and the following officials were elected:

Stewart, Marshall Dean, Matron; Mrs. Elizabeth Dean, Attorney; F. J. Jones, Physician; Dr. M. L. Lamm, Engineer; Robert Springer, Farmer; Newton Blake, Farmer; Arthur Silbaugh, Gardner; John Haynes.

RECOVERS HER VALUABLES.

Mrs. J. W. Stauffer Again in Possession of Valuable Articles. Mrs. J. W. Stauffer of Scottsdale has recovered her jewels which were lost Thursday evening while in attendance at the Military ball given in the armory. The diamond pendant was found on the evening of the dance by Carl Brill who was also a guest at the dance. Both the jewels were returned to Mrs. Stauffer.

Montgomery to Erie.

MR. Montgomery, manager of the Connellsville ball team, will not be here next season. He has signed a contract to manage the Erie team in the O. & P. league.

Speaker McClain Although Facing Defeat Will Go Down Fighting.

At the Republican caucus tonight it is expected that Cox will have 135 votes. The Senatorial caucus will follow and there is no doubt but that Penrose will be named to succeed him. The name of George T. Oliver will not be presented at the Senatorial caucus tonight.

All opposition to Oliver seems to have melted away with that against Cox and everything now points to his selection.

BURGESS SOISSON VETOES MEASURE.

Does Not Approve Council's Ordinance Annexing East Park Addition.

THE PETITION WAS IRREGULAR.

There is No Affidavit To Its Correctness and There is Nothing To Show Whether a Majority of Freeholders Affixed Their Signatures.

CROSSLAND RAIDS DISORDERLY HOME.

Forces Entrance Sunday Morning and Finds John Whiskey and Girls.

ONE IS UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS.

She Came From Fremburg a Few Days Ago and Was Located By Her Brother—Hearing Before Justice Kern Results in Holding Them For Court.

Charged with conducting a disorderly house, John P. Whiskey of South Connellsville was arrested early Sunday morning by Constable L. P. Crossland of Connellsville township and this morning was held for court by Justice Kern of the Peace, S. H. Kern of South Connellsville. At the same time Kathleen Nickow, who says her home is in Baldwin avenue, Connellsville, and Pearl Miller of Fremburg, were arrested as inmates. These last two are not yet out of their teens. The Nickow girl claims she is just past 16, while the Miller girl and that old story of the Peace, S. H. Kern of South Connellsville. He learned it is said that his sister had come to this section a few days ago and discovered that she was, it is alleged, living with Whiskey.

It is said that a night of revelry was indulged in Saturday. It was after midnight that Constable Crossland appeared on the scene and found Whiskey and the girls had retired. They were ordered to dress and then were taken to the Connellsville police station. They were given a hearing before Justice Kern this morning and held for court.

PETITIONS ARE NOW ALL ON FILE.

Candidates for the Various Offices Have Announced Themselves for Borough Offices.

A large number of petitions were filed from Connellsville Saturday, the last day these papers could be left with the County Commissioners. New candidates for Tax Collector entered the arena, S. M. May, an engineer, aspiring to the Republican nomination, and John Irwin contesting with George B. Brown for the honor. The Connellsville candidates according to the papers now on file, are:

Republican, J. L. Evans, C. C. Mitchell and J. B. Kurtz. Democrat, W. B. Buttermore and Worth Kilpatrick.

Tax Collector. Republican, E. B. Snader and S. M. May. Democrat, George B. Brown and John Irwin.

Auditor. Republican, J. D. Lambert. Democrat, J. B. McKee.

Justice Council. Second Ward. Republican, James C. Munson and S. P. Hoy. Democrat, C. L. Fore and Thomas Brennan.

Third Ward. Republican, R. C. Beerhower and P. M. Shorick. Democrat, Jacob Wilkey, Worth Kilpatrick, W. S. Shuman, William McCormick and Clark Stillwagon.

School Directors. Republican, Dr. T. H. White and William J. Flick. Democrat, John A. Gutter.

Fourth Ward. Republican, R. M. Goodman. Democrat, H. E. Schenck and Bert J. Thomas.

William Gibson Hays. William Gibson, former general superintendent of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, with headquarters at Pittsburgh, is here today as the guest of L. P. Ruth.

The Weather. Rain tonight and Tuesday rain or snow and colder, in the noon weather bulletin.

Charles Chain of Scottsdale Victim of Terrible Accident.

Was Working Alone in Mill.

Caught in Shifting and Blouse and Two Shirts Stripped From His Body Allowed Him to Escape—Great Strength Saves Life.

SCOTTSDALE, Jan. 4.—Charles Chain had his right arm more than half torn off, a blouse and two shirts stripped from his body, was bruised and cut, and narrowly escaped death at the grist mill of his father, Frank Chain, near town Saturday, while he was alone in the mill and had occasion to fix some of the machinery. He reached over a shaft to tighten a set screw and the shaft over which he was reaching caught his blouse sleeve, drawing his face up against the shaft. His right arm was torn half off and the side of his face skinned fearfully by contact with the revolving shaft. His one arm badly cut and his body bruised.

There was no one else in the mill at the time and some claim that this very fact saved his life. They argue that the way the accident happened was so quick that the machinery took its hold and went so rapidly that it tore the shirts and blouse off freeing the young man, while if some one had slowed the engine after the shaft once took hold, the slowness would have given it a new hold and dragged him to death in the machinery. He got home in a badly wounded condition and a physician was summoned who dressed his very painful wounds. He is a tremendously strong young man or he would have likely been drawn into the machinery in spite of everything and killed.

Sheriff Seizes Greensburg Factory. GREENSBURG, Pa., Jan. 4.—The Stahl glass works in South Greensburg have been seized by the sheriff on a suit by the Larkin Company of Pittsburgh.

Fort Hill Man Issues a Ringing Challenge to Champion Johnson.

SOMERSET, Pa., Jan. 1.—James Bonnell of Fort Hill, a small town in the southern part of the county, last night issued a formal challenge to Jack Johnston, the negro pugilist who last week wrestled the heavyweight championship belt from Tommy Burns in a twenty round contest in Australia. Mr. Bonnell in commenting on the challenge which he issued said, "My challenge is for a right-and-true, knock-out fight to a finish; no gloves, everything to go, no rules and in clinches to be catch as catch can." The exact meaning of this statement is not clear to local members of the sporting fraternity. The challenge was mailed to Johnston's manager and Mr. Bonnell expects an answer within ten days. Mr. Bonnell is about 55 years of age, and is reputed to be the strongest man in Somerset county. He has been engaged in the lumber business all his life and has never injured himself in any way. He has never tasted liquor. He is unusually large and strongly built, his muscles are heavy and powerful and his chest deep. He was twice a candidate for office, once for sheriff and once for commissioner. Local people are anxiously awaiting the answer to the challenge.

PLATT COUSIN OF NEW YORK SENATOR.

Farmhand Found Dead on Wilkey Farm Came of Good Family.

LED THE LIFE OF A NOMAD.

Was Twice Married But Never Settled Down For Any Great Length of Time—Bank President Comes to Connellsville For Body.

Few who knew him had any idea that Frank Platt, the farm hand who was found dead on the farm of Philip Wilkey Friday morning, came of one of the best New York families. Such was the case, as developed from the visit of President J. R. Edsall of the First National Bank of Nichols, N. Y., who came here yesterday to take charge of the body which had been held at the undertaking establishment of J. E. Sims.

Platt was a first cousin of United States Senator Thomas C. Platt, who located in Tioga county before the Civil War. Both men lived in the same town, Nichols, where the Senator was for a number of years. Frank was the son of a farmer and held various county and State offices.

Mrs. C. Bliven, a sister of the dead man, still lives in Nichols and it was at her request that Mr. Edsall came to Connellsville. Platt has a wife and two daughters living there. He was twice married, but parted from his second wife, and for a number of years has led a roving existence. He seldom stayed long in one place, although he was located in this vicinity for about two years.

The body was shipped to Nichols last night. It will be interred in the family lot at that place.

From diaries found on Platt's person a roving disposition was disclosed. He had kept the record for the past four years and noted down in it little memorandums of his movements and his actions. From these diaries it was learned that he had visited many places and had never stayed at any of them for a very long period.

He visited his old home last Spring and only remained for four days. In the book was noted down an accident in which he had lost an arm upon the railroad several years ago.

At the time of his death he was employed as caretaker of a small tract of land and a house near the Wilkey farm owned by Mrs. S. J. Harry. He always visited the Harry home two or three times a week and when he did not put in an appearance last week inquiry was instituted for him with the result that he was found near the fence on the Wilkey farm.

Mr. Edsall who came here for him was a close personal friend of the family and when his sisters learned of his death they sent him here to accompany the remains back to his old home.

ONLY ONE SENTENCE

But John Edwards Was Not the Only One Gotten in Saturday Night.

Saturday night was a quiet one in town and but few arrests were made by the local police force. John Edwards was the only prisoner sentenced, getting 48 hours for being drunk.

Adam Blisch, a foreign cripple, was discharged as was Louis Kuns, charged with trespassing by Baltimore & Ohio officials.

KILLED 1,121 RATS IN RACE.

Rodent Hunt With Oyster Supper on the Side in Greene County.

WASHINGTON, Pa., Jan. 4.—In a competitive rat hunt of one week at Rutin, Greene county, which closed Sunday night, 1,121 rodents were slaughtered. One side was captured by Claude Scott and the other by William Ewart. Ewart and his men won out with 757.

An oyster supper was served by the losing side.

ROBBERS ACTIVE IN TWO TOWNS.

Carry Away Clothing and Take Money from Pockets of Chas. Stouffer.

WILD TIME IN NEW HAVEN.

Did Not Disturb Valuables About the Houses But Were Apparently in Search of Money—Third Street Home in New Haven Visited.

MORE QUAKES.

Lipari Group of Islands Suffers From A Severe Shake. NAPLES, Jan. 4.—(Special).—Heavy quakes have just been felt throughout the Lipari group of islands, according to a message now coming in. Stromboli, a volcano in the northernmost island, is in a state of eruption.

Three great streams of lava are being belched forth. No fatalities have yet been reported. In the latter shock of a week ago these islands were badly shaken and many houses were cracked. The population of the Lipari group is 25,000.

BOY ROBBER CAUGHT AT LAST.

Theft of a Box of Candy Places Mt. Pleasant Depredations Upon Minister's Son.

Special to The Courier. MT. PLEASANT, Jan. 4.—Shortly before noon today the police arrested Kennedy J. Stewart, son of Rev. K. J. Stewart, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, charged with the numerous robberies that have been perpetrated in the town during the past month. Recently the homes of W. L. Marsh, B. F. Meeklin, Charles Strickler, John Ruth, the Stoner home and many others have been burglarized and the police have been at their wits end to solve the robberies. W. L. Marsh lost \$175; Meeklin, \$20, and Strickler \$5 last night. At the Alibi restaurant last evening young Stewart was caught in act of stealing candy.

This, with letters and checks that were found on his person brought the guilt home to him and there is a sure case against him.

He is very young and how he managed to pull off all the robberies single-handed is a mystery. Stewart was placed in the local lockup at noon today and will have a hearing this afternoon. The police are being congratulated upon their good work in the case, and it is generally known that they have some important data to present at the trial.

SENATOR KNOX FOR CONNELLSTVILLE BOY.

Nominates Roger McCormick Scott as Principal For Vacancy at Naval Academy.

A Connellsville boy will have an opportunity to qualify for appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis through the recommendation of United States Senator P. C. Knox.

Mr. Knox has nominated Roger McCormick Scott of Connellsville as the principal for the vacancy which will open next June. This assures Scott's appointment providing he can pass the examinations.

VICTORY FOR STANDARD.

United States Supreme Court Decides Against Government.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(Special).—The Standard Oil Company will not have the \$29,000,000 fine to pay according to the decision handed down this afternoon by the United States Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court denied the application of the government for a review of the case. The fine was originally levied by Judge Keneaw M. Landis but was set aside in a decision rendered by Judge Peter S. Groscup.

Stoyestown Man Narrowly Misses Death by Running Into Dynamite.

STOYESTOWN, Jan. 4.—Gottlieb Straub, a horse and wagon belonging to Albrecht Dohsen, were within an inch of being blown to atoms. The boys who used the dynamite to celebrate the passing of the old year broke the windows in the home of Mrs. Penrod, left two sticks of the explosive lying in the road. The tape were on the dynamite and Mr. Straub, in driving along the road, came within an inch of striking them.

Mr. Straub shudders when he thinks of what would have happened had the wheels of the wagon passed over the caps. The dynamite used by the boys was New Year's Eve was put on only 100 feet away from the house. A package of explosive, stored by Messrs. H. Shockey, an amount which would blow up the greater portion of the town.

The Social Calendar.

Monday.—The semi-monthly meeting of the Women's Culture Club will be held this evening at 7:30 in the Carnegie Free Library. D. L. Parlin, president, will entertain the Young People Club this evening at his home on North Pittsburgh street.

Tuesday.—The consistory of the Trinity Reformed Church will meet in the pastor's study at 8 o'clock for the purpose of electing the financial officers for the year. Prof. H. E. Jakes' dinner in Marshall hall. Miss Ethel Buckingham will entertain in honor of the Misses Frew of Charleston.

Wednesday.—The regular meeting of the Sewing Circle of the First Baptist Church will be held at the home of Mrs. J. A. Lyon on East Main street at 2:30 o'clock. The Daughters of Rebekah will meet in regular session in Odd Fellows' hall. The Ladies' Auxiliary to the O. R. C. will meet at 2:30 o'clock. The regular meeting of the Women's Foreign and Home Mission Society of the First Presbyterian Church will be held at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Miss Sara Allen in New Haven. The largest attendance in the history of the society was recorded.

Thursday.—The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church will meet at the home of Mrs. James Dick on South Pittsburgh street at 2:30 o'clock. Miss Staying Conway will entertain. The Evening Club at her home on East Main street. The regular monthly meeting of the O. R. C. will be held in the church at 2:30 o'clock. The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal Church will meet at the home of Mrs. P. R. Douthett on South Pittsburgh street.

Friday.—Miss Eleanor Herpich will entertain the Thursday Afternoon Card Club at her home on East Main street. The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. A. Lyon on East Main street. The regular meeting of the National Protective League will be held in the church at 2:30 o'clock. The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal Church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. A. Lyon on East Main street.

CHURCHES ELECT THEIR OFFICERS.

Meetings Held by Various Congregations and Men Are Selected

TO LOOK AFTER THE CHURCH.

Presbyterian, Baptist and Christian Church Congregations Have Annual Meetings and Men Are Selected to Look After the Church.

Three congregations elected trustees and officers for the coming year, the Christian, Presbyterian and Baptist churches holding elections. In each case reports showed excellent progress having been made during the past year.

At a meeting of the Sunday school of the Christian Church held yesterday the following officers were elected for the coming year: Superintendent, E. H. Rogers; Assistant Superintendent, David Bennett; Secretary, Lloyd Shaw; Treasurer, Kenneth Norton; Superintendent of Primary Department, Miss Ella Hyatt; Superintendent of Junior Department, Miss Daisy Trump; Superintendent of Intermediate Department, Miss Beulah Gilmore; Superintendent of Senior Department, B. E. Gotschall; Attendance Secretary, Joseph Reed; Superintendent of Home Department, Mrs. John Marsh; Superintendent of Cradle Roll Department, Mrs. C. M. Wilson; Pianist, Miss Elsie Cavender; Assistant Pianist, Miss Nettie Colborn; Lillian Shaw, and Mae Gilmore.

The new officers of the Christian Endeavor Society for the coming year are: President, Miss Nellie Edwards; Vice President, Miss Helen Morris; Secretary, Lloyd Shaw, and Treasurer, Ray Smith.

At the annual business meeting of the congregation of the First Baptist Church held Saturday evening in the church the following officers were elected for the coming year: Trustees, F. C. Moore, Charles Bulley, Joseph Metzger, Harry Rodgers and T. H. Nason; Clerk, L. V. Marshall; Treasurer, G. A. Munson; Financial Secretary, Miss Jennie Herbert; Assistant Financial Secretary, Miss Cora Buse Stauder; Collectors, J. A. Horn and T. H. Nason; Head Usher, D. J. Moore; Chorister, John Bulley, and Assistant Chorister, B. B. Dull.

The annual congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian Church was held Saturday evening in the church. The meeting was one of the most interesting and largely attended one held for years. The reports of the various societies and officers were read and were very satisfactory. The following trustees were elected for the coming year: E. H. Rogers, D. L. Parlin, J. W. McChesney, G. J. Smith, W. N. Locke and D. P. Brown.

In Social Circles.

In honor of her house guest Miss Josephine Rabe of Canton, O., Miss Elsie Bryce was hostess at a large and brilliant tea Saturday afternoon at her home at Mt. Pleasant between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock. The decorations were very elaborate and were effectively carried out in the Yuletide colors, red and green. The party where the receiving party was situated, was in the dining room and was attractive with palm-trees. In the receiving line was the hostess, the guest of honor and Mrs. Ralph Barnhart of Weonover, O., a sister of the hostess. The table was Mrs. Clara Bryce, Miss Grace Jordan, Mrs. Charles Kin-

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Military.
All military, including pattern hats, plumes, flowers, etc., at half price at The Leader.

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Mrs. Margaret Coyne is in Uniontown today.

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R. S. Coyle of Chirolo, manager of Shady Grove Park, was in town this morning on business relating to the "merchandise" plan.

Mrs. A. K. McIntyre of McKeesport, in the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Snyder. Mrs. Snyder had for their guests yesterday J. P. McIntyre of McKeesport, a brother of Mrs. Snyder.

Mrs. J. J. Jamison left this morning for Wheeling, W. Va., where she will visit relatives for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Snyder, who are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stader of West Main street, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stader and two children also of Stader, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stader yesterday.

Mrs. Austin King of Scottsdale, and guest, Miss Theresa McInerney, spent yesterday with friends here.

L. S. Kitchner of Dunbar, was in town Saturday.

Miss Gertrude Markle of New Haven, is the guest of friends in Uniontown today.

Miss Eva North left this morning for Winchester, Va., where she will resume her duties as teacher in the Fort Loudon Seminary, after spending her Christmas vacation at her home here.

Basel and Robert Solowson went to Pittsburgh this morning and this evening will attend a dance given for the college boys and girls. Tomorrow morning they will leave for the Notre Dame University, Indiana.

Miss Ella King Vogel, a member of the California State Normal faculty, was in town last evening on her return from a visit to her mother in Somerset.

Miss Rena Kobackner is visiting friends in Pittsburgh.

Miss Gertrude Richter was the guest of friends at Dawson yesterday.

Mrs. H. C. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grisham and baby of Glasgow, are the guests of relatives here.

Misses Louise and Etta Berger were the guests of Mrs. L. B. Brown Saturday.

Mrs. T. H. White and daughter, Miss Anne, Miss Marie Benford and Miss Elsie Berger, saw David Warfield in "The Music Master," Saturday at the Duquesne theatre, Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. DeWalt of Pittsburgh, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore over Sunday.

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Mrs. J. J. Jamison left this morning for Wheeling, W. Va., where she will visit relatives for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Snyder, who are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stader of West Main street, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stader and two children also of Stader, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stader yesterday.

Mrs. Austin King of Scottsdale, and guest, Miss Theresa McInerney, spent yesterday with friends here.

L. S. Kitchner of Dunbar, was in town Saturday.

Miss Gertrude Markle of New Haven, is the guest of friends in Uniontown today.

Miss Eva North left this morning for Winchester, Va., where she will resume her duties as teacher in the Fort Loudon Seminary, after spending her Christmas vacation at her home here.

Basel and Robert Solowson went to Pittsburgh this morning and this evening will attend a dance given for the college boys and girls. Tomorrow morning they will leave for the Notre Dame University, Indiana.

Miss Ella King Vogel, a member of the California State Normal faculty, was in town last evening on her return from a visit to her mother in Somerset.

Miss Rena Kobackner is visiting friends in Pittsburgh.

Miss Gertrude Richter was the guest of friends at Dawson yesterday.

Mrs. H. C. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grisham and baby of Glasgow, are the guests of relatives here.

Misses Louise and Etta Berger were the guests of Mrs. L. B. Brown Saturday.

Mrs. T. H. White and daughter, Miss Anne, Miss Marie Benford and Miss Elsie Berger, saw David Warfield in "The Music Master," Saturday at the Duquesne theatre, Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. DeWalt of Pittsburgh, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore over Sunday.

Captain and Mrs. J. B. Reed of Pittsburgh, spent yesterday with friends here.

JUDGE WHO TRIED NIGHT RIDER BAND IN TENNESSEE.



During the trial of the Night Rider band at Union City, Tenn., Judge J. E. Jones, who presided, received many threats from friends of the prisoners in various parts of the State. The prosecuting attorney also was threatened with death, and even Governor Patterson was deluged with anonymous letters from persons supposed to be members of the oath bound organization. None of this deterred the officials in the discharge of their duty, their determination being to stamp out the Night Rider evil in the State.



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No Alcohol or Poisonous Drugs
Your Printing
It should be a fit representative of your business, which means the high grade, artistic kind. That's the kind we do.

DIED.
Mrs. Frank P. Brown, aged 59 years, died Thursday at her home at Middletown, Pa. Mrs. Brown was well known in Bullikin township where she formerly lived. Before her marriage she was Miss Jennie R. Balfanz. The interment took place Saturday in Mt. Olive cemetery.

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DAILY, \$2.00 per year; 10 per copy.
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PAY NO MONEY to carriers, but only
to collectors with proper credentials.
Any irregularities or carelessness in
the delivery of the Courier to homes
by the carriers in Connelville or our
agents in other towns should be re-
ported to this office at once.

ADVERTISING.
THE DAILY COURIER has double the
circulation of any other daily news-
paper in Fayette county, and the Con-
necticut valley region and it is better
distributed for the general advertiser.
It is the only paper that presents each
week a large advertisement of circulation.
THE WEEKLY COURIER is the
recognized organ of the Connelville
area. It has space for an advertising
medium for such interests.

STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION.
STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY
OF FAYETTE.
Before me, the subscriber, a Notary
Public within and for said County and
State, personally appeared James J.
Driscoll, who being duly sworn accord-
ing to law, did depose and say:
That he is Manager of Circulation of
The Courier, a daily newspaper pub-
lished in Connelville, Pa., and that
the number of papers printed during
the week ending Saturday, January
2, 1909, was:

December 26	5,835
December 27	5,797
December 28	5,805
December 29	5,805
December 30	5,770
January 1	5,808
January 2	5,102
Total	33,125
Daily Average	5,521
That the daily circulation by months for 1908 was as follows:	
1907.	Total Daily
Month.	Copies.
January	14,750
February	13,100
March	14,707
April	14,728
May	14,715
June	14,738
July	14,701
August	14,728
September	14,728
October	14,728
November	14,728
December	14,728
Total	1,707,944

That the daily circulation by months for the year 1908 is as follows:
1908. Total Daily
Month. Copies. Avg.
January 14,750 5,521
February 13,100 5,292
March 14,707 5,236
April 14,728 5,236
May 14,715 5,236
June 14,738 5,236
July 14,701 5,236
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November 14,728 5,236
December 14,728 5,236
Total 1,707,944 5,521
And further says, not a word.

J. J. DRISCOLL,
Notary Public.
Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 4th day of January, 1909.
JOHN KURTZ, Notary Public.
MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 4, 1909.

SPEAKER AND SENATOR
AND STONE-THROWERS.

The Washington Observer says John F. Cox, Western Pennsylvania's Republican candidate for Speaker of the House, is "the public's man." We have not the pleasure of John's acquaintance, but we congratulate him on the fact that he has chosen for his candidate an excellent man.

The Canonsburg Notes asserts that Cox is "the whisky men's candidate for Speaker of the House." If so he must be a strong candidate of high spirit.

Seriously speaking, John F. Cox is a Western Pennsylvania man and a statesman of tried ability. He will be remembered as a wise time candidate for Congress in this district when it included a portion of Allegheny county.

Frank B. McClain, his chief opponent, is an Eastern Pennsylvania man, judged by his official acts to be quite as much a "whisky" candidate as Cox can possibly be.

Our esteemed Washington county contemporaries are not to be seriously taken. They are nursing a private grievance against any man or any measure which seems to have the approval of the countenance of Senator Penrose.

John O. Sheatz, who aspires to be United States Senator before he is warm in the State Treasury, owns his complacency and perhaps his election to the Machine, yet he and his supporters are now denouncing it.

It may be well at times to remember that the Machine and the Organization are synonymous terms. With the average politician it is the Organization when it's with you and the Machine when it's against you. Bearing this carefully in mind we are better able to understand the peculiar changes of base which the politicians mentioned have undergone during the past year.

When it is all over it will be doubt

be found that Senator Penrose will succeed himself and Speaker McClain will not, and that the choice of the Legislature in both cases will be found upon trial to be eminently satisfactory regardless of their factional affiliations.

Independence in a virtuous and an unselfish political cause is to be much commended, but beware of the independence that seeks self-advancement or personal revenge.

"Let him who is without sin cast the first stone."

SECRET SERVICE MESSAGE.
FORCEFUL AND DIGNIFIED.
The Secret Service message of the President is an agreeable disappointment. It was expected that it would be a fiery and perhaps an incriminating answer to the inquiry whether or not his last annual message was intended as a personal reflection upon Congressional integrity.

The President answers with dignity. He assures Congress that he has made no charges against any member, and no charges against any member, and points out that if he has any charges to make they will be made in the courts as they were made against Senators and Representatives during his term of office.

The President takes occasion to repeat his earnest plea for an efficient Secret Service under the direction of the Department of Justice and in support of his suggestion points out the good work hitherto done by this agency of the Government.

The ray over the Secret Service is probably one in which the Secret Service is more or less of a protect.

The Government has always had a Secret Service and we have never heard it charged with having done anything but its duty, and as the President forcefully observes, "only criminals need fear our detectives."

A CONNECTICUT DECISION.
WHICH NEEDS ILLUMINATION.
The Connecticut Corrupt Practices act has been declared unconstitutional, but the decision, if correctly reported, is anomalous.

We are told that the special court convened to hear the charges against the Governor-elect decided that the court had no jurisdiction and that the act was unconstitutional.

If the court had no jurisdiction, it seems that it assumed entirely too much jurisdiction in declaring the law unconstitutional.

The Connecticut decision is sadly in need of illumination.

State falls continuing to mangle and destroy the miners' ability and in small groups without attracting public attention, yet the total number of men killed and injured from a cause in a year for outbursts the aggregate of mine explosion victims.

In considering the important question how to guard against big mine disasters it might be well enough to keep in mind the accidents whose toll of victims is the greater.

Puny man may direct but not always control the forces of Nature.

The Carnegie Free Library of Connelville is doing a prosperous enlightening business regardless of political or tariff changes, and the work it accomplishes endures for years. Intelligence is the foundation of prosperity and the hope of the nation.

Around the Court House the Happy New Year is not the first day in the year but the first Monday in the year.



SAME OLD STORY.
The waste-basket for our good resolutions.

ing deep wells to protect them against recurrent droughts such as that which has afflicted the country this fall and winter.

The West Virginia volcano seems to be something of an Irish joke. Professor J. C. White of Morgantown, pronounced it a burning point bog.

It is evident that some Fayette county people have gotten the burning habit.

"This world's a stage and all the men and women merely players," but some of them are bad actors.

Abraham Overholt's estate is still in the courts. It is the oldest case of Overholt in the country.

The Greene county coal field having been pretty full for a while, Fayette county investors are once more turning toward West Virginia.

Meyerdale seems to be the victim of persistent and destructive incendiarism. The fire-bugs should be ferreted out and sent where there will be no more burning for them.

The Winter Primary campaign is fairly on and it promises to be a warm one in spite of its cold name.

American sympathy and charity are first upon the scene of Italian disaster and suffering. It's a way they have.

In a real newspaper real news is always welcome, but angry puns and bitter knocks are welcome only in the offices of our esteemed contemporaries.

Wanted.
WANTED—NO DEPOSIT ASKED—If you are known. I take all the risks. DAVE COHEN, Tailor.

WANTED.—ONE FIRST CLASS steam fitter, none need apply but a first class man that has had experience in piping up 16" boilers. Apply to J. L. LAWRENCE, West Penn Power Station.

For Rent.
FOR RENT—HOUSE No. 312 Cedar avenue, \$25.00. Apply J. DONALD FOR- THER, 140 W. Main street. dec1001

FOR RENT—HOUSE, 6 ROOMS, GAS, bath, hot and cold water, etc. Apply on premises near KING'S STORE. 720cald1

FOR SALE—LOTS IN SOUTH CONNELLSVILLE are bargains just now. CONNELLSVILLE EXTENSION COMPANY, Office, THE COURIER BUILDING, Connelville, Pa. Jan12

LOST.—THE SECRETARY'S BOOK of the Green Catholic Society. Finder will please return the book to this office. Jan12

LOST.—SUNDAY NIGHT BETWEEN S. J. HARRY'S residence, No. 507 East Cedar avenue, and Kneary's drug store, a valuable milk neck for scarf. Finder will receive suitable reward by returning the fur to S. J. HARRY'S residence. Jan12

J. L. EVANS.
Candidate for HUNGERFORD CONNELLSVILLE. Subject to the decision of the Republican Primary, January 23, 1909. Your vote and influence respectfully solicited.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR JOHN IRWIN, of Connelville. Subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary, January 23, 1909.

Men's Work Shoes.

The variety of work shoes we always carry in stock enables men in all lines of work to get just the shoe they need.

We have our work shoes made right from good wearing materials by good reliable shoemakers.

You can depend upon them for good wear. They will hold their shape and fit the feet properly.

You will find them moderately priced; starting from \$2.00 to \$3.50

Good value in every pair. No shoddy.

Norris & Hooper's
104 W. Main Street

Walk-Over Shoes.



"My How Comfortable."

That is the expression of the man who puts on a pair of Walk-Over Shoes for the first time. And their goodness and comfort grows on you every day you wear them.

They are the newest thing in footwear. They are "swell" in style. You can put on a pair of Walk-Over Shoes and wear them with comfort and satisfaction right from the start. No "breaking in" necessary. All styles of Walk-Overs at \$3.50 and \$4.00

C. W. DOWNS & CO.,
Connellsville's Leading High Grade Shoe Store

DUNN'S CASH STORES.

129, 131 and 133 N. Pittsburg Street, CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

WEATHER FORECAST.
Western Penna.—Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday, probably local rains.

Emptying the Shelves

That's what we intend to do this month of January. Want to sell everything that we can. Want the room and want the money, and we are willing to make the prices that will be an inducement for you to buy now. Coming near stock-taking time with this store and lots of goods here that we do not intend to count and measure when that time comes. Some of these we mention below others are scattered all through the store with reduced prices marked on them.

COATS AND FURS
Take your choice of what we have left at 1/2 less than the original prices. Not so many furs to choose from but every piece that's left worth buying. Plenty of coats especially in Misses coats, sizes 8 to 14 years. Plenty of coat weather yet to come and these coats at these prices are coat bargains worth investigating.

LACE CURTAINS
Want the room for an entirely new line of Spring curtains, and every pair of curtains in this store from \$3.50 up to \$12 has been reduced 25 per cent. Mostly curtains around \$5.00 the pair; curtain bargains that you'll appreciate once you see the curtains.

REMAINT TABLES
If you haven't visited these bargain tables you don't know what you are missing. Short lengths of silk and dress goods at prices that mean a great saving to every one buying them.

THE REMNANT TABLES
Everybody asking when we are going to have a suit sale. This is one season that there will be no suit sale. So next sold out that there is not enough here to talk about. Probably a half a dozen here and if one of them pleases you, willing to agree with you on a price for it. Only a few weeks though until we are showing the new Spring suits and chances are you'll rather wait for one of them anyhow.

MAKING WAISTS
Until the new suits come in we are making shirt waists in the alteration room. Making them of the very best percales in the newest patterns. Making them up to regular sizes and we ask you to note how well they are made. Price them at \$1.25 and if you do not like these patterns, offer you the opportunity of choosing percales from our stock. Think this over and tell us if this is not an opportunity for you to get some of your Spring sewing done and save some money at the same time. This offer ends of course as soon as the new suits come in.

ONE LOT OF GREY PLAID SKIRTS
at 66 2/3 off the dollar

A GREAT LOT OF EMBROIDERIES
HALF PRICE
Ranging in price from 10c to \$1.50 the yard.
ALL VAL LACE 25% OFF

106 W. MAIN STREET. — CONNELLSVILLE

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\$6.90 LONG COATS \$3.45
\$8.00 LONG COATS \$4.00
\$12.50 LONG COATS \$6.25
\$15.00 LONG COATS \$7.50
\$16.50 LONG COATS \$8.25
\$18.50 LONG COATS \$9.25
\$20.00 LONG COATS \$10.00
\$22.50 LONG COATS \$11.25
\$25.00 LONG COATS \$12.50
\$27.50 LONG COATS \$13.75
\$30.00 LONG COATS \$15.00

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SHOW OF HANDS IS DUE TONIGHT.

Cox and McClain Both Claim Majority in Caucus.

BITTER FIGHTING ON TODAY.

Adherents of Rival Candidates For Speaker of the House of Representatives in Legislature Straining Every Nerve to Gain Votes.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 4.—With two United States senators to elect and much important legislation to consider, the coming session of the Pennsylvania legislature promises to be one of unusual interest. Both branches will organize tomorrow, but neither will get down to active work until after the standing committees have been appointed two weeks later. Following the appointment of these committees and the selection of the officers and employees of the senate and house of representatives, there will be the usual flood of legislation.

At a conference of friends of Frank B. McClain it was determined to form a legislative club whose members are to tour the state objecting to dogmatism by the delegations from the large cities. Twenty-five men are said to be enrolled in this club.

The McClain people were surprised to learn that A. B. Dunsmore of Tiooga county had gone to McClain and told him that he could not support him for speaker. Regarding this Mr. Dunsmore said:

"I have told Mr. McClain that while I personally favored him yet the majority of the members of the house were apparently for Mr. Cox, and as Mr. Cox had promised fair consideration of all bills, especially local option, I thought I would vote for the Allegheny man for speaker of the house."

A call has been issued for a meeting today of members from interior counties to discuss the speakership. This is said to be an anti-Cox movement.

McClain Declares He Will Win.

Frank B. McClain said today: "There is neither blurring nor boasting in my campaign. I have had no hired agents and I have not promised anything in sight as have the leaders of the movement against me. The pledges of support I have, which pledges will constitute a majority of the caucus when it assembles tonight, have come from members who want to see a square deal at the session of 1909 and who resent the attempt upon the part of Philadelphia and Allegheny to take the two United States senatorships, the speakership and the chairmanship of the house appropriations committee at one swoop. Never before in the history of Pennsylvania has such an exhibition of downright absolutism or hogwash, whichever you choose to call it, been given. Fortunately there will be found enough men who own themselves to frustrate this scheme."

The Republican party has a large working majority in both bodies and will elect the two senators, control all the appointments and be an important factor in shaping legislation. The contest for speaker between Frank B. McClain of Lancaster, who presided at the session of 1907, and John F. Cox of Allegheny will be decided by a caucus of the Republican members of the house tonight. McClain claims he is entitled by party precedent to a second term, but with the Republican state organization behind Cox the indications are the speaker will not succeed himself. A. E. Simon of Erie is the Republican caucus nominee for president pro tem of the senate, which secures his election.

Smooth Sailing For Penrose.

There is apparently no doubt of the election of Boies Penrose of Philadelphia to succeed himself in the United States senate. Penrose is opposed by anti-organization Republicans, whose candidate is State Treasurer Shantz, a member of the past three sessions of the legislature and chairman of the appropriations committee in the 1907 session. Shantz did not become a candidate until one month ago, and it is doubtful if he will poll more than forty of the 187 Republican votes on joint ballot.

Penrose is here with his lieutenants and will remain until after the Republican caucus tonight. The senate and the house will ballot separately for Penrose's successor on Jan. 19 and will meet in joint convention the following day to canvass the vote. The governor will send his biennial message to the legislature tomorrow. After organization and the usual preliminaries both branches will adjourn until the 10th to enable the presiding officers to select the standing committees.

BURTON NOMINATED

Ohio Republican Legislative Caucus Names Him by Acclamation. Columbus, O., Jan. 4.—Congressman Theodore E. Burton of Cleveland was given the Republican joint caucus nomination of the Ohio general assembly for United States senator to succeed Joseph B. Foraker in March next. There had been no opposition to Mr. Burton's nomination since Charles P. Taft, Senator Foraker and other rivals for the honor withdrew from the contest. Granville W. Mooney of Ashtabula was nominated for speaker by acclamation.

mation. For speaker pro tem Edgar Kiffin of Meigs county was unanimously chosen.

Captain John F. Maynard of Washington Court House was nominated for clerk of the house. The vote on clerk was: Maynard, 38; Schuler, 24; Boty, 8.

DEMOCRATS IN CONTROL

Nebraska, Legislature Meets Tomorrow—Caucuses Tonight.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 4.—The Nebraska legislature will meet tomorrow and nearly all the members are in the city preparatory to the caucuses to be held tonight. Both houses will be controlled by the Democrats.

Of chief interest in the way of legislation are the questions of a bank deposit guarantee and a county option law. The majority members are divided on both questions, particularly on county option. On the bank deposit guarantee bill the advice of W. J. Bryan will probably be followed in drafting its main provisions.

Insurgent Movement in Idaho.

Boise, Ida., Jan. 4.—The tenth session of the Idaho legislature, which convened today, will elect a United States senator. The legislature is overwhelmingly Republican. Senator W. B. Hayburn was endorsed by the Republican state convention, but during the last few weeks rumors of an insurgent movement have been rife.

LITIGATION WILL LIKELY END.

Dispute Over the Estate of the Late Abraham Overholt is Drawing To a Close.

GREENSBURG, Jan. 4.—After years of litigation in which the best legal talent of Westmoreland and adjacent counties has been interested, a final settlement of the estate of Abraham Overholt, founder of the Broadford distillery and the first maker of the whiskey which bears his name, is in sight.

Abraham Overholt died in January, 1870, at his home in East Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county, leaving a fortune. His will named C. S. Overholt and M. S. Overholt, two of his sons, as executors. Five accounts were made, filed by them in the Orphans' Court, and approximately \$350,000 was distributed among the heirs. The fifth account was filed in 1896, and exceptions were taken by legatees at that time. Numerous hearings were held to determine the validity of these exceptions, but the matter was never finally determined. Recently at the instance of Mrs. Anna T. Lessure and Mrs. W. J. K. Kline, both of Greensburg, granddaughters of Abraham Overholt, a citation was awarded to compel the surviving executor, C. S. Overholt of Pittsburgh, to file an account.

In the account filed for record in the Orphans' Court, it was stated that the fund for distribution was entirely exhausted. Exceptions to this account were immediately taken, and an entire week was spent in taking testimony and in the arguments of the counsel interested before Judge John B. Steel. The court's review of the numerous steps in the litigation was lengthy, and it was not until Saturday that an opinion and decree were handed down. Judge Steel surcharged the executors with \$15,000. Of this amount \$15,000 is on account of a note of A. O. Tinsman of Turtle Creek, Pa., and \$8,000 is on account of the purchase of a two-thirds interest in the Broadford distillery property by Mr. Tinsman. Judge Steel held that the Tinsman note could have been collected if the proper measures had been taken by the executors. It was also held that the sale of this distillery property has been made without taking adequate security from the purchasers.

TWO MEN SLAIN IN FIGHT OVER WOMAN.

Deputy Sheriff Killed in Attempt to Serve Warrant and Prosecutor Takes Up Fight.

WYOMING, W. Va., Jan. 4.—Floyd Lusk, deputy sheriff of Wyoming county, and Ira Boyd were shot and instantly killed near here. Boyd and Luke Milam, it is said, quarreled over a young woman, who lives here, and Milam was badly wounded.

A warrant for Boyd's arrest was secured by Milam and given to Deputy Lusk to serve. Milam accompanied the deputy to the home of Boyd, who, it is alleged, resisted arrest and, opening fire on Deputy Lusk, put two bullets into his body. Milam rushed up to the fallen officer and, taking a revolver, opened fire on Boyd. These men exchanged several shots, but Milam proved the better marksman and Boyd fell dead, a bullet having penetrated the heart. Milam surrendered.

Operation Successful.

Samuel Harry, son of Contractor and Mrs. S. J. Harry, was operated upon last evening at the family residence on Cedar avenue, for an abscess in his side. The operation was successful and was performed by Dr. J. F. Korr. The patient was resting very easy and the prospects for a rapid recovery are very bright.

Pension Day Here.

This is pension day and the local justices of the peace are kept busy executing the vouchers of the veteran soldier.

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Suspicious.

Admiral Robley D. Evans told this story against himself. He had a congressman for a guest, but had almost run out of his favorite brand of whiskey and had stocked up with something he could not guarantee. He explained this and added, "Here, however, is some brandy that I've kept untouched for a good deal more than twenty years."

"Just hand me the whisky decanter," was the reply.

"Why," said the admiral, "what's the matter with the brandy?"

"That's just what I want to know, Bob," said the guest. "But if you have had it untouched in your possession for more than twenty years there must be something pretty bad the matter with it."

The Mystery.

That awful shadow of some unseen power, always unseen, amonst us, visiting the various world with an insistent wing.

As summer winds that creep from flower to flower.

Like moonbeams that hound some play mountain shower.

It visits with insistent glance Each human life; Like hues and harmonies of evening, Like clouds in starlight widely spread, Like memory of music fled, Like aught that has its grace may be, Dear and yet dearer for its mystery.

—Percy Bysshe Shelley.

Trouble Ahead.

"This happened to me, and I want to publish it as a warning to other married men," said a business man the other day. "I was busy at the office until late, and there dropped in unexpectedly a friend whom I hadn't seen for some time. Of course we immediately adjourned to a popular O'Connell street cafe, where we sat 'em up a couple of times. Then my friend started to leave and he had dinner right where we were. Well, I had said I was coming home to dinner, so I knew there would be explanations coming if I tried to break that off, but I also knew that there would be more if I didn't let the wife know. Anyhow, I marched to the telephone, which hung conveniently near, and called up my home. As soon as I heard my wife at the other end I practically mumbled: 'Can't get home to dinner, dear; I'm crowded with work at the office and will stay late.' There was silence for a second, and then I nearly threw a fit. My wife answered back firmly, 'Well, of course, I believe you, and we will not wait dinner, but when you get home you'll have to explain to me how they happen to have an orchestra in your office.'—Philadelphia Record.

Recently Incapacitated.

There were some deficiencies in the early education of Mrs. Donahoe, but she never mentioned them or admitted their existence. "Will you sign your name here?" said the young lawyer whom Mrs. Donahoe had asked to draw up a deed transferring a parcel of land to her daughter.

"You sign yourself, sir, I'll make me mark," said the old woman quickly. "Since me eyes gave out I'm not able to write a word, young man."

"How do you spell it?" he asked, pen poised above the proper space.

"Spell it whatever way you please," said Mrs. Donahoe recklessly. "Since I lost me teeth there's not a word in the world I can spell."

Exonerated the Crowd.

"Somebody's got my pocketbook!" piped a shrill, agonized voice in the crowded street car, and a hump shouldered, watery-eyed man with a ginger colored beard on his chin jumped up and began convulsively clapping his hands on his various pockets.

"Sit down, you fool!" exclaimed the portly, resolute man by his side, assisting him by a vigorous pull on his collar. "I've got it. I knew you'd lose it if I didn't take it. You'd lose your head if it wasn't fastened on your shoulders."

Meekly he sat down.

Raising his head presently, he gave a comprehensive glance around the car and said in the same shrill voice: "I beg everybody's pardon."

"For which voluntary acknowledgment that he no longer considered everybody in the car a pickpocket he was rewarded by the glassy and unanimous stare."

The Light That Does Not Fail.

It is grand to look forward and see the heavens brighten with the dawn of a new day, but there never yet was light upon the sky which was not meant to illuminate the ground about our feet and show each of us his bit of work waiting for him there.—George Adam Smith.

A Friend In Need.

In the Hungarian parliamentary session of 1881 a certain Baron Szekel lived in Pressburg with two intimate friends, George Mallath and Barthel Szemere. One day the baron became envious of their luncheon. He called Szemere aside and said to him, "My good Szemere, write me a speech."

"Most willingly, my dear friend. About what would you like to speak?"

"It is all the same to me, if the speech is only a nice one, wonderfully nice," he answered, and next day brought the manuscript. The baron memorized the speech and delivered it on the third day. The chamber resounded with "vivas" and applause. At this moment the president rose and asked, "Is anybody here to answer this speech?" The baron looked anxiously around. The members all remained silent. Then Bartholomew Szemere arose. He began, "Worthy gentlemen, what the orator said is from beginning to end incorrect." And then he began to speak.

then he began to glow in an able speech, the mistake the baron had made. "Don't you believe him, gentlemen," the baron cried indignantly, interrupting him suddenly. "It was he himself who wrote the speech for me. Every one of the fifty-two members called in his seat nearly convulsed with laughter, and then and there the baron made a vow never again to speak in public."

He Wanted More.

A prominent western sheep raiser ran short of hands, and hired a greenhorn, who boasted that he could tend sheep with any of them. He received a big \$3000 to tend and returned at the end of the month.

"Do you want me to herd sheep?" he asked of his employer.

"Do I want you to herd sheep?" said the latter. "Why, what did I hire you for?"

"Well," said the herder calmly, "if you want me to keep on herding, you'll have to get me another drove, 'cause them I had is all gone!"

Would Change the Bill.

A republican company was walking into a small town, says the Saturday Evening Post, where they were billed to play "Romeo and Juliet." The leading man approached the manager, who strode moodily ahead on the ties.

"Boss," he said, "I've got to have 15 cents."

"Fifteen cents?" growled the manager. "You're always yelling for money. What do you want 15 cents for?"

"I want to go to the theatre, for I want it for. I can't play Romeo with five days' black beard on my face."

"Oh, well," said the manager, "you won't get no 15 cents. We'll change the bill to 'Othello.'"

A Crushing Climax.

One of the stories of "Private John" Allen, a Mississippi boy about the experiences of a certain Major Blank of Mississippi. Major Blank tried for years to secure a Democratic nomination to congress, but finally failed each time. Finally he turned Republican and was given the Republican nomination. He made a "whirlwind tour" of his district and felt confident of the result. When the returns came in, he was found that Major Blank had received just two votes. And the next day the major was arrested on the charge of "repeating."

The Soul.

Each soul is a world in which all good is accessible and all evil possible. Each soul is also a battlefield in which the vast hosts of good and evil, folly and wisdom, are forever at war. The individual is an autocast, an emperor, a czar, who can advance at will the standard of right or wrong within his own soul.—Orlando Jay Smith.

A Ready Medicine.

"While I was waiting to take the order of a merchant in a small town in Indiana," said the dry goods drummer, "I was prowling about his store, and a box fell over my head. I regarded it as a trifle at the time, but an hour later I felt a severe pain in my side. I have always been afraid of appendicitis, and it occurred to me that it had come on to me bigger's a house. Away I rushed to the village doctor, and he felt of my pulse, looked at my tongue and shook his head and said:

"My friend, you've got it this time for sure."

"And I've got to be operated on?" I asked.

"You shouldn't lose a minute."

"With that I took off my coat and vest to have a look at the spot, and a minute later I was a surprised and pained man. A splinter from the box was sticking in my side. I looked from the splinter to the doctor and back, and he looked from the splinter to me and back. Then he asked:

"Doctor, how much to pay?"

"Five dollars," he replied.

"But how do you make that out?"

"Two and a half apiece for being the two biggest fools in the state!"

It Wasn't Cautious.

A kindergarten teacher tells the following:

The rules require when a child reports illness in the family that the teacher shall find out whether such illness is contagious or not, and it is customary to send the child home for a statement of facts. One morning one of the younger boys reported that "his mamma was sick."

He was sent home to find out the nature of the illness and soon returned with the information:

"Mamma says it ain't catching."

"That won't do," replied the teacher. "You must tell me how she died and then come and tell me just what is the matter with your mamma."

Pretty soon the boy came toddling back into the room.

"Teacher," said he, "mamma says it's all right. She says it's a boy and it ain't catching."

In Sections.

In the spring of 1896 the distinguished Dutch novelist known by the pen name of Maarten Marret was elected an honorary member of the Authors' club of New York, says the Bookman. When the name Joost Marius M. Van der Poort-Schwartz came to the attention of the membership committee there was a gasp of astonishment. Finally the late Bill Nye came to the rescue with the suggestion that the first half of the name should be acted on at once, but that the last half should be held over until the autumn, when the weather would be cool.

Abuse.

Of satires I think as Epictetus did. "If evil be said of thee and it be true, correct thyself; if it be a lie, laugh at it." By dint of time and experience I have learned to be a good horse. I go through my appointed daily work, and I don't let the chit who back at me doing the road. I don't crack the Great.

APPEAL TO ROOSEVELT!

Wright Decision Denounced by Central Labor Union of Scranton.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 4.—The Central labor union, representing 75,000 union workmen, has adopted resolutions against the Justice Wright decision protesting against the proposed imprisonment of Gompers, Morrison and Mitchell and appealing to President Roosevelt to use his office to maintain the integrity of the constitution.

The resolution concludes with the following paragraph:

"Recent interpretations of the Sherman anti-trust law, coupled with the application of the courts' injunction in many recent instances, is a practical re-enactment of the ancient combination laws, prohibiting organizations of labor as being in restraint of trade. We protest against this action on the part of the courts as an effort to repeal an ancient law enacted in Great Britain nearly five centuries ago and repealed for nearly a century in that country."

"We believe that congress should place such interpretation on the Sherman act as will make impossible in the future the perpetration of this grave injustice to the labor unions of this country."

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TRIAL OF NIGHT RIDER BAND AND THE MOONSHINER WITNESS.



THANK FETTERING

Not the least picturesque and interesting feature of the trial of the Night Riders at Union City, Tenn., for the murder of Captain Quentin C. Rankin was the presence of the State soldiers, which played such an important part in capturing the alleged Night Riders and clearing up the crime. So powerful is the Night Rider organization that Governor Patterson, at once saw the necessity of keeping troops at the scene of the trial to prevent the rescue of the prisoners by their friends. The soldiers acted as guards at the trial, sitting with rifles in their hands and their eyes on the prisoners at all times. This cut away the trial in progress and a portrait of Frank Fettering, the alleged "moonshiner" who told the secrets of the Night Riders.

BATTLESHIPS IN SUEZ CANAL.

Four Are Passing Through
the Ditch To-
day.

OTHERS TO FOLLOW RAPIDLY.

Supply Ship Gulges and Cruiser Yankton Precede Them—These Will Coal at Port Said and Hasten to Scene of Great Earthquake.

Suez, Jan. 4.—The United States Atlantic battleship fleet, completing two days ahead of its schedule, the next to the longest run of its world-grinding cruises, has arrived here from Colon, a distance of 3,440 knots, from which place the fleet sailed on Dec. 20. The loss of a seaman from the battleship Illinois, who fell overboard and was drowned, as previously reported, was the only accident to mar the voyage from Colon. The Illinois remained on the scene to search for the sailor and is a little behind the fleet.

The converted cruiser Yankton and the supply ship Gulges passed through the canal this morning. The former has a number of doctors aboard and the latter a large supply of provisions and stores. Both will go to Messina at full speed. All arrangements were made by wireless for the ships of the fleet to pass through the canal as quickly as possible and to coal at Port Said, where 25,000 tons are stored.

The authorities have made arrangements for the battleships to have right of way for a clear run through the canal.

The Connecticut, Vermont, Kansas and Minnesota entered the canal at 6 o'clock this morning and will arrive at Port Said at 10 o'clock tonight. The second group, consisting of the Louisiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Missouri and Virginia, will enter tomorrow, and the third line, composed of the Wisconsin, Hearsage, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Georgia and Nebraska, will start Wednesday. At Port Said the crews will coal the battleships with all possible speed so as to be in a position to go quickly to Messina if it is finally determined to send them there.

WORK NIGHT AND DAY

Doliving in Ruins of Once Beautiful Messina For Bedies.

Catania, Jan. 4.—The system of rescue work in Messina has been greatly augmented by the arrival of troops, which are to be soon all over the ruined city in squads of twenty and thirty, patrolling night and day. Bodies of them also are working in the ruins by day and until well into the night under the beams of the searchlights of ships in the harbor, and thus but little time is being lost.

The movement of refugees from the nearby villages is daily increasing in volume, and large numbers of persons are leaving the devastated region. Of the victims buried under the ruins comparatively few have been rescued alive.

It is now clear that the enormous number of casualties in Messina were due to the suddenness with which the first shock came, giving but little time to the people to escape from their homes. The tidal wave was not so high as was at first reported and would have done little damage had it not been preceded by the earthquake. The damage done by fire also was comparatively insignificant.

The first earth shock last Monday morning literally threw down the city and almost every street was completely buried under the walls that had fallen, furniture and other debris, practically cutting off every avenue of escape.

Then came the tidal wave to inundate the city, and the living and dying were caught like rats and drowned or had their brains dashed out by being thrown by the rushing waters against piles of masonry and rubbish. In many quarters of the city the stench from the decomposing bodies hinders greatly the rescuers in their work.

Far greater havoc was wrought in Messina than was believed when a correspondent first passed around the outskirts with Frank Perrot of Brooklyn, who is assistant director of the observatory on Mount Vesuvius. Though no part of the city escaped, in some sections the work of destruction was more thorough than in others.

The officials in Messina say that the original estimate of the fatalities in the city probably was not exaggerated. The lower part of the city is practically totally destroyed.

GIRL HANGS FOUR DAYS

Head Downward, Her Skirts Having Caught on Balcony Railing.

Naples, Jan. 4.—Harrowing episodes from Regatta continue to flow in. A girl in a frantic effort to escape attempted to leap over the railing of the balcony of her house. Her skirts caught on the ironwork and she hung there swaying in the wind for four days.

A woman buried under the debris of her house, although slightly injured, was unable to move, while her husband and children, crushed on the floor above, slowly bled to death, their blood dripping on her breast and arms. She was finally taken out alive, but was demented, not even knowing her name.

STROMBOLI UNEASY

Volcano on Island of That Name Causes Panic and Damage.

Rome, Jan. 4.—A violent earth shock running north-southwest and east-northeast, lasting three seconds, during which the Stromboli volcano began eruption, has occurred on Stromboli Island.

The phenomenon was accompanied by prolonged rumblings. The houses on the island were badly damaged, and the populace fled to the streets in panic, but no one was hurt. The weather is intensely cold on Stromboli Island.

Two Americans Reported Safe. Malta, Jan. 4.—A wireless dispatch received here from Messina says that Walter Kennedy and Charles Williams, Americans, who it was believed had perished in the catastrophe at Messina, are safe at Taormina.

POWERS OFFENDED

Dismissal of Chinese Grand Councilor Causes Apprehension.

Peking, Jan. 4.—Following the dismissal from office of Yuan-Shih-Kai, grand councillor and commander-in-chief of the forces, and the appointment of Na-Tung as grand councillor, an edict has been issued by Prince Chun, China's regent, appointing Liang Tun-Yen, customs taelor, to the position thus made vacant on the foreign board.

The British and American ministers at a conference held at the British legation reached an agreement that the dismissal of Yuan-Shih-Kai should not pass unnoticed. The American, British and Japanese ministers met again at the American legation this morning. Sir John N. Jordan, the British minister, joined with Mr. Rockhill, the American minister, in submitting an outline of representations which should be made to the foreign board.

The ministers disagree on the question as to whether the welfare of foreign interests is technically involved by the regent's recent action, but they agree that peace is endangered. The representatives of Great Britain, the United States and Germany view the regent's action as tantamount to an affront to the powers on account of Yuan-Shih-Kai's position abroad, he being recognized as the medium of fair and equitable treatment toward the nations. The dissenting ministers are of the opinion that unless other serious events occur interference would not be justified.

Japan concurs in the opinion that the dismissal is certain to result in international injury, but that representations to China would be difficult. There is a marked lack of unanimity among the diplomats in the present situation.

CHINESE COMPLAIN
Charge Our Soldiers With Unprovoked and Brutal Assaults.
Port Townsend, Wash., Jan. 4.—Alleging that their race is made the victim of unprovoked and brutal assaults at the hands of soldiers from the artillery forts on Puget sound, Chinese merchants have petitioned the Chinese consul at San Francisco for relief. It is asked that the war department be advised that a serious situation exists and that murder may result.

These Chinese assert that within the last few days four unprovoked attacks by soldiers on unoffending Chinese occurred. One of the victims was seriously injured.

NIGHT RIDER JURED HAS MESSAGE.
Union City, Tenn., Jan. 4.—J. Reason, one of the jurors engaged in the trial of eight alleged night riders on a charge of murdering Captain Quentin Ranken, is ill. County Health Officer Blanton believes Reason is developing measles. It was expected that the rebuttal testimony would be completed today and that the arguments would begin in the afternoon.

Former Postmaster Sentenced.
Massfield, O., Jan. 4.—Hubert E. Bell, formerly postmaster of Massfield, well known as a politician and hirsman, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary by Judge Blansfield after having pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzlement.

Old Employee Under Charges.
Chicago, Jan. 4.—After sixteen years of service in the Chicago postoffice, Daniel F. Kerr, age fifty, was arrested, charged with taking money from the mail in the "advertisements" department.

SUPREME COURT OF BASEBALL MEETS

National Commission Gets Together Today in Cincinnati and New Baseball History Will Be Made.

Cincinnati, Jan. 4.—The men who are filled from hat to shoe with the history, customs and rules of baseball, who know more about the national game as it is played today than the late Henry Chadwick, its "father," got together here today in the meeting of the national commission. Before the meeting is over several pages will be added to the history of baseball, if present indications are not false.

Chief among the questions that are before the commission is the demand of the American association and the Eastern league for changes regarding the drafting rules. Briefly stated, these two organizations want the privilege now possessed only by the two big leagues of drafting men from minor leagues instead of acquiring them only by purchase. The demand was presented at the recent meeting of the commission in New York, but was laid over until today.

A majority of the requests made by the American association and the Eastern league are being seriously considered by the national commission, and it is said many concessions will be made. Speaking of this matter, Gerry Herrmann, chairman of the national commission, said:

"If these men are honest in their demands we should give them all possible relief, but if the requests are made, as some people say, to open up a more serious demand, why I will go as far as anyone to resist them."

ELLAM IS DRAFTED.

Cincinnati's Clever Shortstop Will Play in South Next Year.

Cincinnati fans will miss Roy Ellam next year as he has been drafted by the Birmingham club of the Southern League. Ellam writes Manager Milt Montgomery that his only objection to the new job is the salary. He is offered \$110 a month.

Ellam was one of the best men on the local team and will be greatly missed. In addition to being a base player, he knows how to take care of himself of the field as well as on it.

Wheeling Gets Newbie.
Wheeling has drafted Newbie, who played with Clarkburg in the P. & W. Va. league last season.

Bargains.
All suits, coats and furs at half price at The Leader.

The Roundup.
Our new serial story begins in this issue. Don't fail to read it.

SOISSON THEATRE

Monday, 4.
JANUARY

Mostly Music, Mirth and Melody.
The King of Minstrelsy.

LARGEST MINSTRELS on the ROAD

Guy Brothers FAMOUS Minstrels
The Acknowledged Leaders for Thirty Years.
Big Street Parade Daily at Noon Led by the Best Minstrel Band in the World.

PRICES:—25c, 50c, 50c and 75c.
Seats on sale at the Theatre—Both Phones.

SOISSON THEATRE

Tuesday, 5th
JANUARY

RETURN ENGAGEMENT of the Society Male Drama

MARRIED for MONEY
Made a Big Hit at the Soisson Theatre and is Considered by 150 Critics One of the Best Plays of its Class this Season.

SEE—How the Rich Get Richer.
SEE—How the Trusts Are Run.
SEE—How Right Triumphs Over Wealth.

The Management of the Soisson Positively Guarantees this Attraction as Worthy of Patronage.

PRICES:—25c, 50c, 50c and 75c.
Seat Sale opens Saturday at the Theatre—Both Phones.

WRIGHT-METZLER COMPANY

FAYETTE COUNTY'S FASTEST GROWING STORE.

A SWEEPING SALE OF WOMEN'S APPAREL.

We'll Begin Our January Selling With
the Greatest Sale of Women's Apparel
We've Ever Conducted.

Greatest in three ways—in point of variety—in the radical nature of the price lowering and the absolute correctness of every garment presented.

The director styles are paramount. Every garment offered in this sale reflects the styles of Napoleon reign, long graceful lines that prove most emphatically the positive correctness of the garment.

The low prices are occasioned only because of our strict store policy of semi-annual clearance. A HALF PRICE ticket means goodly economy wherever found but when its pinned to a woman's tailored suit of unquestioned style, quality and tailoring, it forms the strongest of buying incentive. With almost the entire winter before us, HALF PRICE for Wright-Metzler apparel is an announcement that will bring about the most wonderful buying you've ever seen.

Nearly Every Suit at HALF PRICE. Every Coat at Nearly HALF PRICE.

Not a single garment remains at its original price. With but few exceptions every woman's tailored suit in the store at HALF PRICE and these exceptions nearly reach the half price mark, and we wish to state right here and with all possible emphasis that these sale prices represent our final price reductions. We don't employ half-hearted methods in our stock clearances, and this initial cutting of apparel price is positively the final one as the radical nature of it would indicate. With the fullness of new stocks to choose from, with prices lowered to the minimum with nearly a whole winter before us, with the knowledge of the character of the merchandise involved, it is a foregone conclusion that our object (complete clearance) will be quickly and thoroughly accomplished. In both of our big establishments these sale prices are now in effect and will result in the disposal of nearly four hundred garments—we mention this number to enlighten you as to the scope and variety that this sale presents. The result of this announcement will be an immediate response by hundreds of women. If you intend taking advantage of any of these offerings it would not be wise to delay your purchase. It is imperative that early choice be made that you may not be disappointed. You'll realize this when you witness the buying resultant from this announcement.

Women's Tailored Suits

Styles are all influenced strongly by the director modes, fabrics include broadcloths, fancy English suitings, etc., in the most wanted weaves and patterns; the tailoring and style qualities are in every instance in accord with our most strict requirements and every garment possesses a distinctive appearance that is of inestimable value to women of taste. The character of the garments must appeal to your discriminative senses as strongly as the lowered prices appeal to your spirit of thrift.

15.00 suits \$7.50	27.50 suits \$13.75
18.00 suits \$9.00	32.50 suits \$16.25
20.00 suits \$10.00	35.00 suits \$17.50
22.50 suits \$11.25	40.00 suits \$20.00
25.00 suits \$13.75	47.50 suits \$23.75

Women's Tailored Coats

Every remaining coat for women is included in this sale, black or fancy. The materials from which they are tailored are broadcloths, chevrons, cravenetted cloths and a broad collection of fancy suitings, among which are "plaid back" materials. These coats are fashioned with cuffs and collars of plaid. Over seventy-five models to choose from. Every one of them absolutely correct in style and faultless tailoring. You'll find them priced in the following manner:

10.00 coats \$7.50	22.50 coats \$15.00
12.50 coats \$8.50	25.00 coats \$16.50
15.00 coats \$10.00	28.50 coats \$19.75
18.00 coats \$12.00	35.00 coats \$25.00
20.00 coats \$13.50	37.50 coats \$25.00
28.00 coats \$15.00	25.00 coats \$18.75

